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ABSTRACT

The opportunities for women at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point are described. Questions related to admission requirements, preparation for entrance, required course work, graduate school, military training, typical cadet basic training schedule (July and August), the athletic program, cadet life, and obligations and career opportunities after graduation are answered. (SPG)

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TO THE WOMAN USMA CANDIDATE

Thank you for your interest in the United States Military Academy. Since October of 1975, when legislation opened the service academies to young women, West Point has received many inquiries about opportunities for women. This booklet is our answer to those inquiries. It is intended to convey a special message to those of you who are considering the fully funded education and training offered by the Military Academy and who desire a chance at the Army career that follows.

It is not possible to portray the essence of the West Point experience in a few pages and this booklet does not attempt to do so. We purposely avoided providing much academic information, covered in detail in the USMA catalog, in order to highlight the program and environment characteristics which are unusual. Consequently, we urge you to read the USMA catalog, view the current films, visit West Point and talk with cadets in order to learn as much as you can about what life as a cadet is like.

Why spend so much time learning about West Point? If you are a young woman thinking about joining one of the first co-ed classes at an institution that was all male for one hundred and seventy-five years, you should consider carefully the special challenges as well as the opportunities: the education offered, the joys and difficulties of the required training, and the pride of accomplishment that comes with each successful year completed.

Also you should realize that the primary purpose of the United States Military Academy is the education and training of future Army officers.

Lastly, you should know that we are fully committed to making co-education work to the benefit of the young people who come to West Point and the country they will serve.

We hope what West Point has to offer will suit the educational interests, abilities, and career aspirations of many of you.

MANLEY E. ROGERS
COLONEL, USA
Director of Admissions and Registrar

THE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN IN THE ARMY

If you are a young woman looking for a challenging profession—one with opportunities not open to women of previous generations—a career as an officer in the United States Army may be for you.

Men have no corner on loyalty and service to America. Women in the Army share a proud tradition of helping perform a vital mission—preserving America's strong national defense. Today, there are more women in the Army with more varied career opportunities than ever before. And the number of Army women and jobs available are increasing each year. In the last few years, the Army has witnessed such events as the promotion of women to the rank of general, pilot training for women, women commanding men, and an increase in the number of job fields for women from 183 in 1972 to over 400. Basically the only jobs not available to women now are those directly related to combat.

Why do women join the Army? We could detail the considerable benefits of being in the Army such as travel, challenging jobs, good pay, responsibility, paid vacations, and executive and educational training opportunities. But let two young women officers tell you why they joined the Army:

"I thought of teaching or becoming an airline hostess. As a teacher, I'd probably stay put in my own state. With an airline, I'd travel. But how about intellectual stimulation, which I happen to think is important? In the Army, I'm finding the things I want most."

"I'm pretty proud of my college record. But when I went to get a job in business, I felt that there was very little consideration given to leadership qualities — particularly if you're a woman. I want to take on responsibilities, get ahead."

The future for women in the Army is virtually unlimited. More and more women are serving in exciting and responsible new roles: as military police, military attachés, training instructors, and as commanders of Army units. Service in the United States Army presents the opportunity for a challenging and meaningful career for today's young woman.

THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AS A CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE

In 1975—for the first time in history—young women began considering West Point among their college options. That year, the United States Military Academy, before exclusively for men, was opened to women by the United States Congress and the President. This means that the Military Academy's prestigious four-year college education, professional training, and Bachelor of Science degree are now available to you.

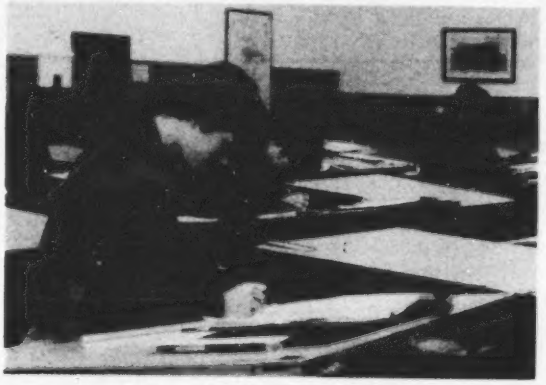
On October 7, 1975, President Ford signed into law the bill which admitted women to the national service academies. That legislation states:

. . . the Secretaries of the military departments concerned shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to insure that (1) female individuals shall be eligible for appointment and admission to the service academy concerned, beginning with appointment to such service academy for the class beginning in calendar year 1976, and (2) the academic and other relevant standards required for appointment (admission), training, graduation, and commissioning of female individuals shall be the same as those required for male individuals, except for those minimum essential adjustments in such standards required because of physiological differences between male and female individuals.

So West Point now provides young women the same opportunities it has always extended to men: a superb academic curriculum to challenge and stimulate intellectually; a required physical training program to build strength, agility, and endurance; and a military environment to develop discipline, skills, and knowledge of Army heritage.

Since most of the physical training at the Military Academy is necessarily rugged, the law allows for adjustments in physical training requirements for women based on physiological differences between women and men. Therefore, certain physical exercises and evaluation scales at the Military Academy are adjusted for women. However, most of the time you will find yourself participating in the same training as your male counterparts.

The all-male heritage of 175 years includes such West Point graduates as Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, George Patton, Douglas MacArthur, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. West Point is a place where you learn history just by looking around you. As you can imagine, the sense of tradition here is strong. The break in the all-male tradition will take some time to adjust to: for women—and for men. However, the women and men cadets now at West Point have made great strides toward that adjustment.



THE WOMAN CADET

In July 1976, 119 young women made history at West Point: they were the first women to join a Plebe (freshman) class at the United States Military Academy. With 1,366 male classmates they began a wealth of experiences, most of which women had never been exposed to before. Why did these women choose West Point?

Let them speak

for themselves:

"I applied for admission to West Point because of the education and opportunities for travel. Although graduation is more than three years away, I'm getting excited about a career as an Army officer."

"I'm not a women's libber. This is not a 'cause' with me. It's just something I want to do."

"The challenge offered by West Point—and the lack of it during a semester at ..... State College, attracted me to West Point."

"I'm not at West Point to prove a point. I'm here because West Point is a school that offers what I want."

What would you say to studying the Secretary of State's diplomacy in the hot cold war of the Middle East, reading theories of the great philosophers, analyzing General Patton's strategy as his tanks crossed war-torn Europe, grasping the theory of relativity of time and space, marching in full dress uniform, contemplating the nuclear arms race, assembling and disassembling the M16 rifle, or drifting down, down, effortlessly while securely attached to a parachute? Sound interesting? These are just samples of the many and varied experiences awaiting you at West Point.

The Military Academy offers you a chance to be a very special woman. However, let us be frank—success at West Point requires hard work, dedication, and self-discipline. The typical day is full, allowing few opportunities for relaxation.

Academically, the Military Academy offers a two-part curriculum: a general core program which is prescribed, and an elective program which is individually tailored. The general core curriculum provides a sound educational foundation across the academic spectrum—math, sciences, engineering, foreign languages, English, history, social sciences, national security, and psychology. The elective program is an extension of the core program, which allows a cadet to achieve a reasonable degree of subject concentration by choosing electives from one of several areas.

The academic curriculum is only one of West Point's challenges. At the end of the academic day, intramural sports begin: volleyball, basketball, swimming, squash, track and many others. In addition, the Military Academy requires rigorous courses in physical education: men box and wrestle, women take self-defense incorporating basic karate and judo. Together men and women take gymnastics, swimming, and recreational sports such as skiing, tennis, and golf. Every cadet must take seven credit hours of physical education during the four-year program which includes periodic physical fitness tests.

Military instruction pervades life at West Point. Uniforms, salutes, and orders become part of your life within the first hour of arrival. The summer training is exciting and rough. It means long hours in the field, marching, drilling, and rappelling down cliffs. Wilderness sur-

vival, tank operations, infantry patrolling, marksmanship, and military engineering are among the training experiences during the four summers of military instruction. Because the law requires the same training for men and women, West Point's instruction for women includes combat training. Although present Army policy prohibits women from actually serving in combat, we believe that this training is important if the Corps of Cadets is to retain its unity through shared experience, and all of the future officers are to understand the combat soldier.

All first year cadets must endure 11 months of what we call the "Fourth Class System." This system purposely places stress on new cadets to develop emotional, mental, and physical stamina. New cadets have little free time and must perform seemingly endless duties under constant observation. At the end of their first year, these cadets will have proven their ability to organize their time and work under pressure —qualities essential to future Army officers. An extraordinary amount of self-confidence derives from completion of this year of plebe system indoctrination, military training, physical education, and a full course program of college subjects.

Leadership also plays a large part in cadet life. Each cadet belongs to a squad, which is part of a platoon, which, in turn, is part of a company. Three companies make up a battalion, and three battalions comprise a cadet regiment, four of which make up the Brigade—4,000+ cadets strong. Each of these units has a cadet leader and a staff. In short, every cadet gets a chance to practice leadership.

West Point can be a total experience for you as it is for young men and women already here. You may find cadet life taxing, but one day you will emerge from the Military Academy a very confident young woman, ready to take your place in professional life: to lead men and women in our nation's defense. How has the fullness of the West Point experience affected some of the first women cadets?

Let them

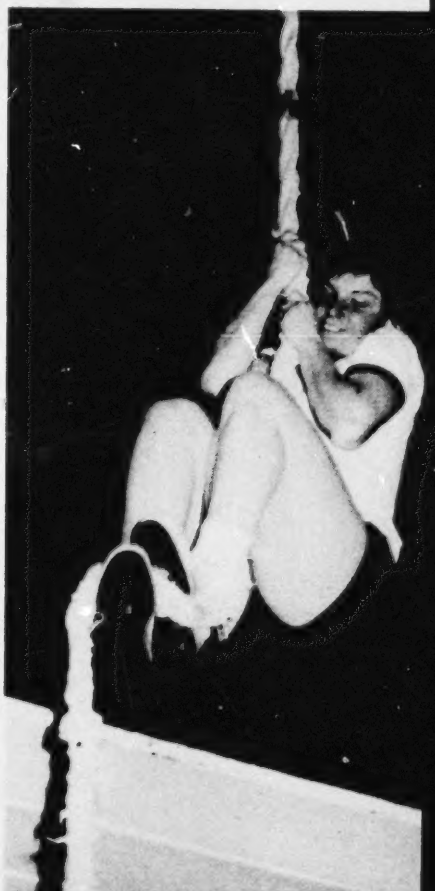
tell you:

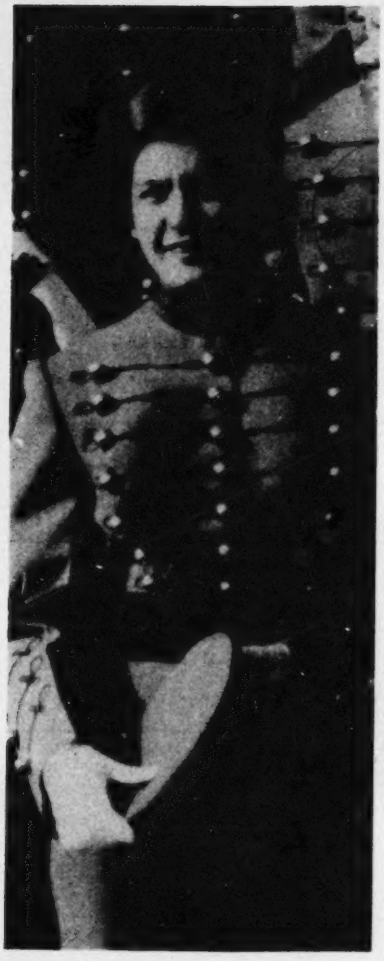
"It's a completely different world at West Point. You're cut off from civilization. Every day is so full, you can't stop a minute."

"No one was really ready. I wasn't prepared. It was a lot tougher than I had expected."

"I want to stay here. Professionally, all I can do is my best. Right now, I don't think I have any problems."

"I love it here. It's so different, and I'm always busy and I feel secure. There are so many people around and I feel like we're all a team— I just feel better than I've ever felt in my life."

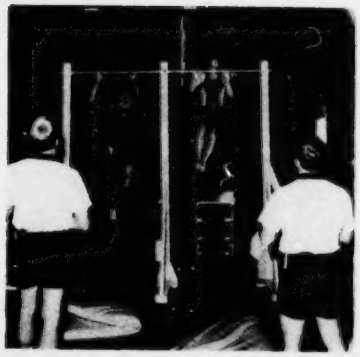




WOMEN AT WEST POINT: SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the primary purpose of the United States Military Academy?

The official mission of the Military Academy is—to educate, train and motivate the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate of the Military Academy will have the character, leadership and other attributes essential to progressive and continued development throughout a career of exemplary service to the nation as an officer in the Regular Army.



ADMISSIONS

Do women have to meet the same general requirements and qualifications as men?

Yes. A woman or man candidate must be an unmarried U. S. citizen and be at least 17 but not yet 22 years of age by July 1 of the year admitted. Each candidate should also have an above-average high school or college academic record. See the *USMA Catalog*, "Admissions," for more information.

What are the height and weight requirements for women?

Women candidates must be between 58" (4' 10") and 72" (6') tall. Permissible weights are related to height and age.

What medical requirements must women meet?

Women must pass a Qualifying Medical Examination paralleling that given male candidates. See the *USMA Catalog*, "Medical Standards," for specific medical requirements. Pregnancy at the time of enrollment is disqualifying. Pregnancy while attending the Military Academy will normally be cause for separation.

What are the physical aptitude tests for entrance?

All candidates must take a USMA Physical Aptitude Examination. Three of the test items —standing long jump, basketball throw, and shuttle run—are taken by both men and women. For the fourth test item women perform the flexed-arm hang for time (with palms facing outward and chin over bar) instead of the pull-ups required for men. See the *USMA Catalog*, "Physical Aptitude Examination," for a description of the test items and performance charts. Evaluation scales for women's performance on the test items are adjusted based on physiological differences between men and women.

What is the last possible date I can apply for entrance to the Military Academy?

Members of Congress are asked to nominate candidates for the Military Academy by January 31 of the entering year. Some Congressmen and Congresswomen close out competition as early as September; some leave it open through January. Applicants for service categories (enlisted persons in the active Army, children of career military personnel, members of high school and college ROTC units) should apply by December 15. See the West Point "Admissions Bulletin" for details.

PREPARATION FOR ENTRANCE

How can I prepare myself physically prior to entering the Military Academy?

We recommend a vigorous exercise program which builds endurance and upper body strength. Daily cross-country runs, swimming, push-ups, and the flexed-arm hang are important conditioning activities. Don't neglect practicing pull-ups. While not part of the women's physical aptitude exam, pull-up exercises are required at the Military Academy. Ask your physical education instructor for advice on additional exercises.

Are women eligible for the United States Military Academy Preparatory School?

Yes. In fact, the Preparatory School began admitting women in January 1976. For more information write: Admissions, West Point, New York 10996.

Are there orientation sessions for women candidates?

Orientation sessions for groups of admissible USMA candidates are held throughout the country during the months of March, April, and May. Candidates will be notified of the dates and locations of these meetings.

REQUIRED COURSE WORK

Have any changes for women cadets been made in the academic curriculum?

No. Women take the same courses as men and have the same academic requirements for graduation. See the *USMA Catalog* for complete program description. The first year course requirements are:

	Semester Courses	Total Credit Hours
Engineering Fundamentals	2	4.5
English	2	5.0
Ethics and Professionalism	1	1.0
Geography, World	1	2.5
Language	2	5.0
Mathematics	4	12.0
Military Science	2	1.0
Physical Education	2	3.0
Terrain Analysis	1	2.0

GRADUATE SCHOOL

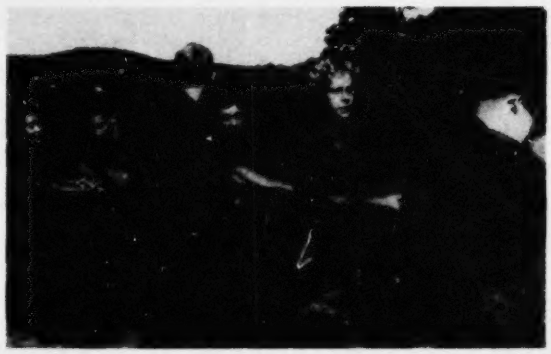
What opportunities are there for graduate schooling?

Many graduates who remain in the Army go on to graduate schools. One of the aims of the curriculum at West Point is to give cadets a basis for postgraduate work. For more information, see "Academic Program" in the *USMA Catalog.*

MILITARY TRAINING

Is there any military training in which women do not participate?

At West Point women are participating in all the military training exercises; however, adjustments in strength, speed, and endurance standards are being made for women in scoring some activities. For example, the lighter weight, 6 pound, M16 rifle is used by the women for some training. In the few exercises which require a great deal of upper body strength or extended endurance, women at West Point are given case-by-case consideration of their performance. Additional instruction is available for cadets. Training not completed satisfactorily must be repeated. Women who are highly motivated and physically fit should be able to complete all the military training required. For more information about West Point's military training program, see the *USMA Catalog,* "Military Program."



What are a new cadet's first two months of summer training like?

During July and August of the first summer, the new cadet goes through "Cadet Basic Training"—a strenuous and disciplined period designed to assist you in making a rapid transition from civilian to military life. Immediately and persistently you will be confronted with the most demanding physical and psychological stress the Military Academy has to offer.

You will be assigned to and trained with units which include men and women. Military training includes marching, rifle marksmanship, long distance hiking, daily physical exercises, and overnight camping in the field. Much of the time you will be in fatigues and combat boots and feeling hot, sweaty, dirty, and tired. In addition, you will have classroom instruction on cadet regulations, military justice, military customs, first aid, hygiene, the honor system, and the Fourth Class System.

Daily life for new cadets is dominated by the Fourth Class System. New cadets are required to know and recite upon command customs and traditions of the Military Academy and the Army. Shoes must be shined, uniforms spotless, orders obeyed. Free time is limited. By the end of the first year it all adds up to a solid preparation in the discipline, knowledge, and efficient use of time fundamental to the military profession.

TYPICAL CADET BASIC TRAINING SCHEDULE (JULY and AUGUST)

Morning:

Morning formation	5:45
Physical training (running, calisthenics)	5:45– 6:30
Breakfast	7:00– 7:30
Preparation for training	7:30– 8:30
Training or classes	8:30–12:15

Afternoon:

Lunch	12:40– 1:15
Preparation for training	1:20– 1:45
Training or classes	1:45– 3:30
Team athletics	3:45– 5:00
Classes or parade	5:20– 6:05

Evening:

Dinner	6:30– 7:20
Training or classes	7:20– 9:00
Lights out	10:00

New cadets follow this schedule daily during their first two months at West Point.

TYPICAL ACADEMIC YEAR SCHEDULE (SEPTEMBER through MAY)

Morning:

Breakfast formation	6:25
Breakfast	6:30– 7:00
Class or study	7:45–11:45

Afternoon:

Lunch	12:15– 1:00
Class or study	1:05– 3:15
Intramural/intercollegiate athletics, study time, parades, or extracurricular activities	3:25– 6:00

Evening:

Dinner	6:15– 7:00
Study time	8:00–11:00
Taps	11:00
Late lights out	1:00

How did the women cadets react to the summer training?

First, let the women cadets themselves tell you their impressions.

"I found the physical training and the psychological stress over the summer much more difficult than I had anticipated."

"I enjoyed this summer very much because it offered a lot of experiences that included things I didn't think I was capable of doing."

"The biggest overall problem is that there is never enough time to be constantly prepared for West Point's tough dawn-to-late-night demands. The toughest thing is disciplining yourself—going there and being there at a certain time in a certain uniform."

"The emotional strain is the worst part, although my problems are the same as a guy's, adjusting to a different, very difficult life style."

"We were never praised. We could try our hardest, but nothing we did was right. We were never rewarded. You just can't take it personally. You have to keep a sense of humor or you'll have a hard time."

"The women did better than anyone expected. The bivouacs were dirty, and the training was rough. They expected the women not to want to do it, but we didn't let it bother us."

Next, let's hear from

some of the male cadets:

"The women have generally kept up well so far. Women cadets can only help the process of pushing positive, effective yet firm leadership."

"Their performance is just about on a par with the men—those who try and those who slide by."

"Women couldn't take as much as we could during summer training, but their determination to stay was pretty good."

And now, impressions from

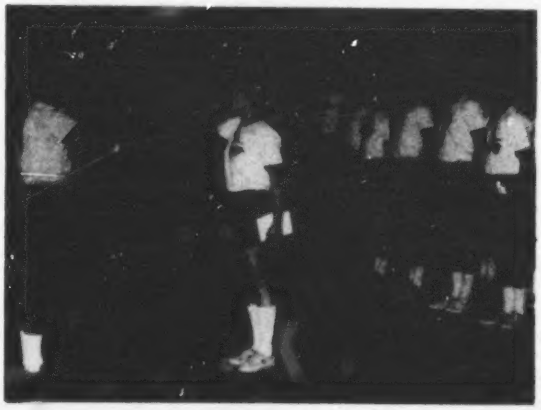
the Military Academy Staff:

"For attitude you can mark them 'super' under a very tough program. When they get through—they will be very fine young officers. They have the poise, are sure of themselves and will take no excuses for substandard performances."

"They're doing super. They're very determined, some of them won't heed warnings to skip some of the activities for their health —for example, because of blisters, pulled muscles or heat exhaustion. Their attitude is such that we have to be up to date on what they're excused from doing. We have to protect them from themselves."

What leadership opportunities are there for women?

Women are totally integrated into the Corps of Cadets. Consequently, all leadership positions—squad leader, company commander, regimental commander, and about 1500 other positions—are available to women during their four years at West Point.



ATHLETIC PROGRAM

What are the physical education requirements for women?

The physical education program for women is generally the same as that for men with the following exceptions: (1) Women cadets take two 20-hour courses in self-defense instead of boxing and wrestling. Self-Defense I teaches women cadets the basic moves, falls, and offensive and defensive techniques. Self-Defense II is advanced self-defense techniques including an introduction to the martial arts of judo and karate. (2) Instruction in gymnastics emphasizes agility, upper body strength, flexibility, and coordination. (3) In a few of the co-educational courses, grading scales on some events are being adjusted for women cadets. (4) Women do not compete in football, rugby, or lacrosse.

What intercollegiate sports are open to women?

Women may compete with men for a place on any of the following varsity or Plebe (freshman) athletic intercollegiate squads:

Skiing	Fencing
Gymnastics	Rifle
Track	Pistol
Cross Country	Swimming
Tennis	Golf
Squash	Volleyball

Initially women's athletic teams were established as club sports. During 1976-77, basketball, gymnastics, and softball teams were formed, with field hockey, volleyball, swimming, and tennis teams added during 1977-78. As women's club teams become competitive on the intercollegiate level, they will be raised to varsity status. Other sports at either the club or intercollegiate level will be formed as interest and abilities warrant.

Do women participate in intramural athletics?

Yes. Women are required to take part in an intramural or club sport in the fall and winter seasons if they are not participating on an intercollegiate team. Women cadets compete with the male cadets in all sports except boxing, wrestling, football, and lacrosse.

CADET LIFE

How many women are expected to enter West Point each year?

For the present, we are planning for about 100-120 women to enter the Military Academy each year. The number of women admitted is based on the anticipated needs of the Army for Regular Army women officers in the graduating year.

How are the women cadets being received by the male cadets?

As you can imagine, every cadet has an opinion on this question:

"Personally, I don't think women should be here, but the decision was made by Congress and we're trying to be professional soldiers."

"I think it is good. I believe in equal rights for women. If we want the best women officers then we should allow them to attend West Point."

"Women are weakening the tradition of physical and emotional pressure at West Point."

"Women are not in good enough physical condition to meet the standards expected of male cadets."

"Women cadets are not being judged by the same set of standards."

"I don't think women are receiving preferential treatment."

"I don't think the training was easier. We've changed very few things for women."

"Absolutely no way it will ever work."

"Greatest thing that's ever happened."

Not surprisingly, the women cadets have as diverse a perception of their acceptance:

"This resentment exists because the presence of women will inevitably change the atmosphere at the Military Academy, even if only slightly, and some cadets feel this will lead to a lessening of standards."

"I don't detect any resentment toward women from the men in the Plebe Class because they're all kept so busy there's no time for it."

"This resentment comes from only some of the cadets. Many were very supportive and encouraging. Sooner or later acceptance will come."

Are there women's dormitories?

No. The cadet company you are assigned to will determine what dormitory (barracks) you live in; both the company and the barracks are coed. Two to three cadets of the same sex share a room. One woman cadet described her room responsibilities as follows:

"The Army has a place for everything and a way to fold everything. In our closet, clothes have to be hung in a certain order. Our underwear has to be folded just so and in a certain part of the drawer. The inside of our desk is supposed to be neat and our books stacked on the shelf from the tallest to the shortest, all tangent to the outside edge of the shelf. In the medicine cabinet, the razor has to be on a certain shelf and turned a certain way. We have to dust, sweep, clean the sinks, and make sure the mirror is clean. The windows have to be raised exactly an inch from the bottom of the sill."

Do women dine, attend class, train, and march with male cadets?

Yes. Women are an integral part of the Corps of Cadets. You will usually be with the cadets—male and female—of the unit to which you are assigned.

Are there hair length and style requirements for women?

Women cadets are required to have relatively short hair. Hair which is no longer than the bottom of the collar is practical for keeping clean, neat, and dry. Regardless of the hair style, it has to fit under the cadet headgear.

What kind of uniform will I wear?

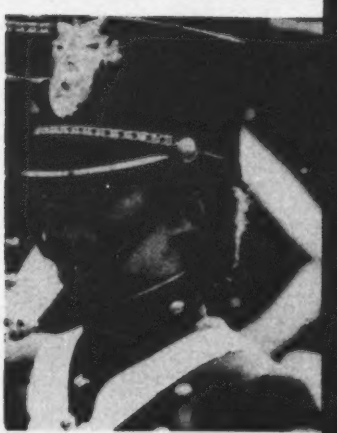
Cut to fit the female figure, your uniforms are compatible with the male cadet uniforms. Nearly all slack uniforms have an optional skirt. There is a floor-length skirt for formal functions. The Army fatigue uniform is worn for field training.

Are there any restrictions on wearing make-up and jewelry?

Yes. Women cadets are subject to the regulations followed by all women in the Army. Make-up must be in good taste and only clear nail polish is allowed. A woman cadet may have pierced ears, however, earrings or posts may not be worn with a uniform. (A Plebe is in uniform the majority of the time.) Rings, wrist watches, and wrist identification bracelets are the only jewelry worn with a uniform—only wrist watches are allowed during the first seven months of the Plebe year.

What medical services are there for the specific needs of women?

The West Point Hospital, in addition to the full range of dental and other medical services, provides complete gynecological care for all women cadets.



When do cadets get free time and vacation?

Plebes have little free time during the week. There is more time for relaxing on the weekends. During the academic year, Plebes leave the Military Academy for at least one football game trip, for the Christmas holidays, and for authorized athletic, extracurricular, or cultural trips.

Upperclass cadets have more free time and vacations (leave) depending on their class and military achievement. All cadets take a month's leave during summer.

What are some of the reasons women have left the Military Academy?

For the most part, women have left the Military Academy for basically the same reasons the men do.

"My quitting had nothing to do with the difficulty of the work. I realized that the military wasn't what I wanted to do with my life."

"If I were a man I'd still be there. I quit because I felt I was being forced to play the role of a man, being determined. I guess I'm too much of a lady for the military."

"I can neither physically lead men nor do I expect men to follow."

"It would have been no problem making it through, it's just that I know what I want, and this is not what I want."

"I love West Point very much. I've given a little of myself, so it's part of me. If I go back, I'll have to cut all strings from home because I'll have to go back looking forward only and not thinking about what I've left behind. I couldn't do that the first time."

"My problem was I wanted the education, but didn't consider the military training. Everything was so different. I wasn't ready for it. You had better be ready. That's one thing I have to stress about the girls. You better be ready to give, give 100 percent, or give 120 percent."

"West Point is a great place but I don't want to be in the military that long."

"I thought the discipline would be good for me. But I found there's a lot more to the military than one's interest. You really have to be dedicated to be an officer."

"I do not feel that West Point is a place for girls, but I will fight for the right of a girl to go there."

"I wouldn't go back for anything, but I wouldn't give up the experiences I had there for anything."

AFTER GRADUATION

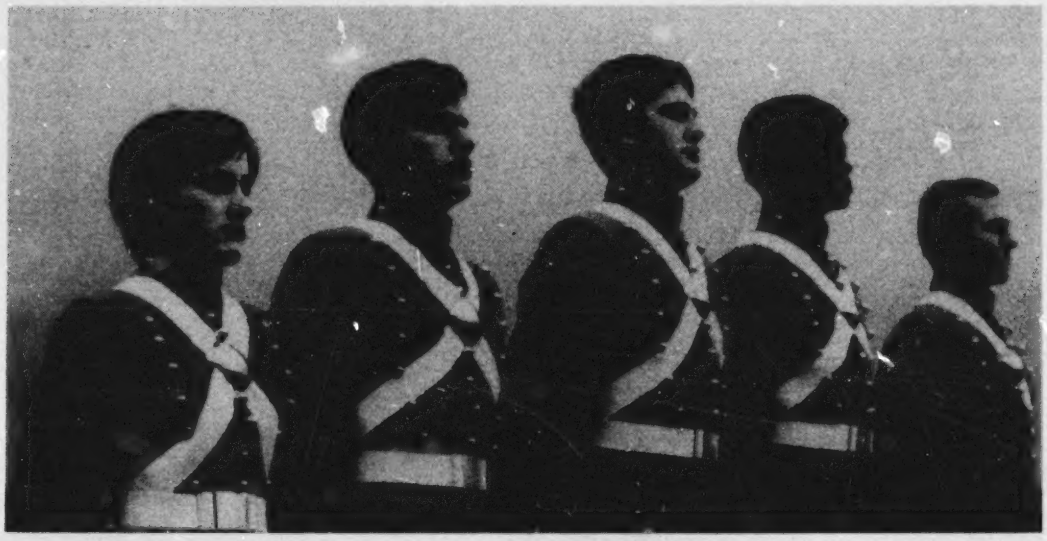
What service obligation and what opportunities will I have following graduation?

On graduation day you will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Regular Army. You must serve at least five years in the Army, although most West Pointers serve beyond their initial obligation. Under present Army policy, women are commissioned in one of nine Army branches: Corps of Engineers, Signal Corps, Military Intelligence, Military Police Corps, Transportation Corps, Adjutant General Corps, Finance Corps, Ordnance Corps, or Quartermaster Corps. After attending a service school in your branch, your first assignment could be as a personnel officer in Europe, as an accountant in Washington, D.C., a military police officer in Texas, or as an engineer project officer in Florida. The branch you choose will determine the type of work you do. At the end of five years, you probably will be a captain, with more responsibility than most of your counterparts in civilian life. For more information, refer to "The Army as a Profession" in the *USMA Catalog*.

What type of career can I have in the Army?

The professional fields within the Army rival those in civilian life. As an Army officer, you could be a unit commander, administrator, computer expert, intelligence analyst, engineer, pilot, public relations director, accountant, logistician, personnel officer, teacher, or involved in one of the hundreds of other jobs open to women within the Army. In short, the Army offers you a chance to prove yourself in several of many career opportunities while you are serving your country.

West Point has embarked on a new chapter in its history of service to country—the education and training of women officers for the United States Army. The Military Academy and the Army offer remarkable opportunities for meaningful service and personal satisfaction. West Point is resolved to challenge all cadets to their best efforts and to graduate quality leaders for the Army. We invite you to visit the United States Military Academy and to consider West Point among your college options.



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